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shorten the overall length of said first and second conduit sections (14, 16); and
a retainer (24) for retaining said spring (22) in compression on one of said
members (18, 20), said members (18, 20) including an abutment (19) for reacting with
said spring (22) in place of said retainer (24) to bias said members (18, 20) together in
the direction to shorten the overall length of said conduit sections (14, 16).

Please add the following claims.

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20. (NEW) A motion transmitting remote control assembly (10) for
transmitting motion in a curved path, said assembly comprising:

a first (14) and second (16) conduit sections;

a flexible motion transmitting core element (12) movably supported in said
conduit sections;

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adjustment components (18, 20) interconnecting said first and second conduit
sections (14, 16) and in telescoping relationship with each other for adjusting the overall
length of said first and second conduit sections (14, 16) wherein said adjustment
components include a female member (20) and a male member (18) slidably disposed in
said female member (20); and

a coil spring (22) supported on said male member (18) and interacting between
said members (18, 20) to bias said members (18, 20) together to shorten the overall
length of said first and second conduit sections (14, 16).

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21. (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 20 including a retainer (24)
disposed on one of said adjustment components (18, 20) for retaining said spring (22) in
compression.

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22. (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 21 wherein said retainer (24)
is formed as a projection on said male member (18).

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23. (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 20 including a locking member

(19) supported by said female member (20) and movable between a locked position to prevent relative telescoping movement between the adjustment components (18, 20) and an unlocked position to allow relative telescoping movement between the adjustment components (18, 20).

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24. ²¹ (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 23 wherein said male member (18) includes adjustment teeth (21) and said locking member (19) includes locking teeth (23) for selectively engaging said adjustment teeth (21) when said locking member (19) is moved to said locked position.

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25. ²² (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 24 wherein said locking member (19) includes at least one detent (25) and said female member (20) includes at least one recess (27) for receiving said detent to hold said locking member (19) in said unlocked position while prohibiting relative movement between said female member (20) and said locking member (19).

26. ²³ (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 25 wherein said female member (20) includes at least one catch (28) for engaging and retaining said detent (25) when said locking member (19) is moved to said locked position.

27. ²⁴ (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 23 wherein said locking member (19) defines an abutment that reacts with said spring (22) during assembly of said male member (18) into said female member (20) such that said adjustment components (18, 20) are biased together to shorten the overall length of said conduit sections (14, 16).

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28. ²⁵ (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 20 wherein said male (18) and female (20) members includes complementary keyways (38, 40) for rotary orientation of the male member (18) relative to the female member (20).

29. ²⁶ (NEW) An assembly as set forth in claim 28 including a retainer (24) formed on said male member (18) for retaining said spring (22) in compression and a

locking member (19) supported on said female member (20), said locking member (19) being selectively engageable with said male member (18) to prevent relative movement between said male (18) and female (20) members wherein said keyways align said retainer (24) within said locking member (19) as said male member (18) is inserted into said female member (20).

30. (NEW) A method for adjusting the length of a motion transmitting remote control assembly (10) having first (14) and second (16) conduit sections, adjustment components (18, 20) interconnecting the first and second conduit sections (14, 16) and in telescoping relationship with each other, a coil spring (22) interacting between the adjustment components, and a locking member (19) supported on one of the adjustment components (18, 20) comprising the steps of:

- (a) installing the motion transmitting remote control assembly (10) in a vehicle;
- (b) biasing the adjustment components (18, 20) together to shorten the overall length of the first (14) and second (16) conduit sections after said step (a); and
- (c) moving the locking member (19) to a locked position to prevent relative movement between the adjustment components (18, 20) subsequently to step (b).

31. (NEW) A method as set forth in claim 30 wherein step (a) further includes the steps of providing the adjustment components as a male member (18) and a female member (20) and inserting the male member (18) into the female member (20).

32. (NEW) A method as set forth in claim 31 including the step of supporting the spring (22) on the male member (18).

33. (NEW) A method as set forth in claim 32 including the steps of providing a first spring seat (44) on the male member (18), supporting a retainer (24) on the male member (18), seating one end of the spring (22) on the first spring seat (44), and reacting

an opposing end of the spring (22) against the retainer (24).

34. (NEW) A method as set forth in claim 33 including the steps of forcing the spring (22) over the retainer (24) as the spring is installed onto the male member (18), installing a collar (26) onto the male member (18) adjacent to the retainer (24), and seating the spring (22) between the first spring seat (44) and the collar (26) prior to step (b).

35. (NEW) A method as set forth in claim 32 including the steps of providing the locking member (19) with at least one detent (25) and the female member (20) with at least one recess (27), installing the locking member (19) on the female member (20), and retaining the locking member (19) on the female member (20) in an unlocked position by engaging the detent (25) in the recess (27) prior to step (c).

36. (NEW) A method as set forth in claim 35 including the steps of providing the female member (20) with at least one catch (28) and retaining the detent (25) with the catch (28) when the locking member (19) is moved to the locked position during step (c).

37. (NEW) A motion transmitting remote control assembly (10) for transmitting motion in a curved path, said assembly comprising:

a first (14) and second (16) conduit sections;

a flexible motion transmitting core element (12) movably supported in said conduit sections;

adjustment components (18, 20) interconnecting said first and second conduit sections (14, 16) and in telescoping relationship with each other for adjusting the overall length of said first and second conduit sections (14, 16);

a pillar (36) extending into said adjustment components (18, 20) and having a bore therethrough for receiving said core element (12); and

a coil spring (22) interacting between said members (18, 20) to bias said members (18, 20) together to shorten the overall length of said first and second conduit sections (14, 16).